

ABSTRACT

Information from publicly accessible information sources, such as electronic public displays, billboards, signs, and kiosks, is captured by a user device, obviating the need for individuals to make a mental note or write down the details from such sources. A publicly accessible information source having data items and a visible display is provided, the visible display presenting at least one data item. Upon viewing the display, an individual sends query data to the publicly accessible information source. Alternatively, upon the user's own pre-programming of his/her needs/requirements, the user device automatically queries various public displays for matching content. In response to the query data, the publicly accessible information source sends further data items to a user device. The source is capable of simultaneously servicing requests from a plurality of users in the vicinity of the source.

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